GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIR SERVICES FOR BILASPUR AND JAGDALPUR
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to start air services upto Bilaspur, Jagdalpur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide air service for the said cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b) and (c): National Aviation Company of India Limited presently has no plans to start air service upto Bilaspur and Jagdalpur as its available resources are fully deployed.

(d): The Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to complaince of route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.